

**SUPPLIER PROXY STORE TO VIRTULIZE  
AN EXTERNAL BUSINESS ENTITY**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5       A commerce site for exchanging commerce information with a plurality of remote store sites and shopper clients over a network, the commerce site including a marketplace store for exchanging information with shopper clients and remote store sites through the network; and a plurality of proxy stores, each proxy store associated with one of the remote store sites for communicating therewith over the network and acting as an intermediary for information exchanged between the associated remote  
10      store site and the marketplace store.

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